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DR. V. V. KRINITSKY
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DEAR VASILI VASILEVICH:

WE ARE PLEASED TO REPORT THAT FOUR CHICKS ARE ALIVE AT THE BIOTRON IN MADISON, WISCONSIN, AND THAT ONE MORE CHICK IS NOW HATCHING. THEY HAVE BEEN NAMED IN ORDER OF HATCHING AEROFLOT, SASHA, EDUARD, AND BAZOV. AEROFLOT, THE FIRST CHICK WHICH BEGAN TO HATCH IN MOSCOW BEFORE RON SAUEY'S

DEPARTURE, HATCHED COMPLETELY AT SOME POINT DURING THE

FLIGHT FROM NEW YORK TO CHICAGO BETWEEN 19.00 AND 20.30 HOURS ON JUNE 30. THE SECOND CHICK, SASHA, HAS SUFFERED A COMPACTION AND HAS NOT BEEN FEEDING. AT THIS POINT THE INTERNATIONAL CRANE FOUNDATION IS NOT TOO OPTIMISTIC ABOUT SASHA'S CHANCES FOR SURVIVAL. THE OTHER THREE CHICKS ARE DOING QUITE WELL. THE INTERNATIONAL CRANE FOUNDATION WILL SOON BE SENDING YOU THE INCUBATOR IN CARE OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW. WE WILL TRANSMIT THE FLIGHT INFORMATION BEFORE THE INCUBATOR IS SENT.

ON BEHALF OF THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE AND THE INTERNATIONAL CRANE FOUNDATION I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP IN MAKING OUR COOPERATIVE CRANE STUDY ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL ACTIVITIES UNDER AREA V OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXTEND SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE PERSONNEL WHO HELPED IN THE EGG COLLECTION AND TRANSPORT, IN PARTICULAR DR. FLINT, VALERY ORLOV AND DMITRI SEMENOV OF THE CENTRAL LABORATORY FOR NATURE CONSERVATION, AND OF COURSE, SASHA NIKOLAEVSKY AND DR. BLISTANOV OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE WHOSE HOSPITALITY AND HELP CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH TO RON SAUEY'S VISIT. WE WILL BE SURE TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF THE HEALTH AND PROGRESS OF THE CHICKS AND SEND YOU PHOTOGRAPHS OF OUR NEWBORN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SINCERELY, GERARD BERTRAND. CHRISTOPHER UNCLASSIFIED

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